

SGT PAUL K. HISER



Paul was born on November 18, 1923. He graduated from Petersburg (MI) High School in June, 1942. The graduating class was the largest they'd ever had at 32 students.

The war was on and he got a job with Monroe Auto Equipment Co., inspecting 20 MM shell



casings, saving all his money so that he could go to Toledo

University.

He reported for his physical exam at Monroe Mercy Hospital on Dec. 23, 1942 after which, was classified 1-A. He successfully completed one semester at Toledo University and decided that his time to be called up was close, so he got a job at Tecumseh products in Adrian, MI. After reporting for duty at Monroe, MI on March 2, 1943, he was shipped to Palatius, TX which was on the Gulf of Mexico.

Assigned to a Coast guard Anti-Aircraft Artillery group, he was made acting Staff-Sgt. in charge of one single barrel 40 MM anti-aircraft gun. One day an officer came around and asked if anybody wanted to join ASTP. Those who were chosen went to Texas A&M for testing. He reported to the ASTP program at Oklahoma A&M on June 4th, 1943.

He completed three semesters of Engineering. The ASTP program was canceled and he reported to the 103d Infantry Division at Camp Howze, TX on March 6th, 1944. He was assigned to 409th, D-Company, heavy machine gunners, 2nd Platoon.

He was awarded the Purple Heart medal, being wounded on Dec. 23rd, 1944 while attacking a German pill box in the Siegfried Line. Only grazed, he returned to his unit very quickly. He was promoted to Cpl on Jan. 22 and then to Sgt. on Feb 4.

Shortly after VE Day, he transferred to the 45th division and went home prior to leaving for the Pacific Theatre. Fortunately, VJ-Day interrupted our travel plans.

Upon discharge and after graduation from the University of Michigan, he started his career with GE as an electrical engineer in June of 1949 and married his wife, Adrienne. Also in 1949 he started the test engineer program. He also helped develop the instrumentation for the first Nuclear reactor for a submarine.

He then spent three years developing instrumentation for the Aircraft Nuclear Jet engine. He then transferred to the Advanced Electronic Research facility at Ithaca N.Y. for three years and then transferred to Philadelphia and was responsible for the automatic test equipment and the launch equipment for the Minute Man Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. He also spent six years finishing the construction of control rooms for Nuclear Power Plants.